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21 injured in mass stabbing at US high school



NEW YORK (AFP) - An American student brandishing two knives stabbed 20 teenagers and a security guard in a bloody rampage in the classrooms and hallways of a Pennsylvania high school yesterday, officials said.

At least four fellow students were critically injured in the assault at Franklin Regional High School, said Thomas Seefeld, chief of police in Murrysville, an outer suburb of Pittsburgh.

The 16-year-old boy walked down a hallway wielding two knives eight to 10 inches (up to 25 centimeters) long, stabbing fellow pupils and the guard as they

began arriving for the school day, police said.

Panicked students rushed for the exit and one reportedly set off the fire alarm, but 20 pupils and one male security guard were injured, mostly in the chest and stomach, officials confirmed.

The school principal and another member of staff overpowered the suspect, who was arrested within five minutes of police officers being alerted by radio, police said.

The motive of the attack was not immediately clear.

One student described the suspect as "shy" and told CNN that he was "very quiet" while carrying out the as-

sault.

"He just was kind of doing it and he had this look on his face that he was just crazy and he was just running around just stabbing everyone who was in his way," she told CNN.

The assailant, who sustained an injured hand, has not been named although Westmoreland County District Attorney John Peck said he would in all likelihood be charged as an adult.

FBI and state police have been drafted in to assist with what is now expected to be a lengthy investigation.

Peck outlined the possible charges as aggravated assault and, in cases of serious injury, possible criminal attempt to commit homicide.

That the teenage victims were aged 14 to 17.

Yesterday's attack comes after a long and frequent line of US school shootings that have inflamed a nationwide debate over gun control in the United States.

Franklin Regional High will be closed for several days.

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Venezuela asks Vatican official to witness talks

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela said yesterday it had formally invited the Vatican's Secretary of State to be a "witness in good faith" to talks on ending two months of deadly anti-government protests there.

President Nicolas Maduro and opposition coalition representatives had agreed the night before to the talks, which are tentatively set to begin today under the oversight of UNASUR, a regional South American grouping.

and the Vatican.

"We want to convey the invitation of President Nicolas Maduro to His Holiness, Pope Francis," for the Vatican official, Petro Parolin, to act in the talks "as a witness in good faith," said a letter sent by Venezuela's foreign minister.

Among the conditions set by the two sides for the talks was the presence of witnesses, including Parolin, who until about six months ago was the Vatican's envoy to Venezuela.

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Robin of New Jersey looks forward to her morning paper while on Aruba

THE MORNING NEWS roving reporter happen to catch Robin, an annual visitor staying at the Aruba Beach Club, sitting down to a beachside breakfast with her favorite morning reading while on Aruba. She informed us that she always makes sure to pick up a copy of the paper every day while on Island, as she thoroughly enjoys the content. "I am particularly fond of the bright sun in the paper's logo," she informed us. "It always makes me think of sunny Aruba."



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Energy Consultant to the Government Freddy Vargas

ORANJESTAD -- Three times during the year, Aruba's principal tourism entities, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, (AHATA) jointly host conferences welcome major travel partners from the island's three most important markets.

The event welcoming wholesale travel operators and airline executives from Latin and Central America took place last month. This week, ATA and AHATA welcome 40 delegates from Holland, Germany, Italy, England, and Scandinavia for three days of networking and brainstorming during Aruba Meets Europe (AME) 2014.

The conference began on Tuesday, April 8 with a welcome party hosted by Pure Ocean at the Divi Phoenix Resort. The official opening event was conducted the next morning at the Renaissance Convention Center, where ATA representatives, delegates and movers and shakers within the island's tourism in-

dustry gathered to address the business of Aruba's tourism product.

Organizer for of this year's AME for the ATA, Jap Ellis, reports that they were very pleased to welcome many new agencies to this year's event, as well as representatives from European travel entities who have not been back to Aruba for quite some time. They uniformly expressed great approval for the

enormous changes and upgrading they see of Oranjestad, and the particular attention being paid to the restoration of historical structures and a great display of the island's traditional cultural influences.

Host and MC for the opening ceremonies was the Director of ATA Europe, Tirso Tromp.



Sanju Luidens, Jim Hepple, Tirso Tromp and Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes

Standing with him to welcome the arriving delegates were ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and AHATA CEO Jim Hepple, along with Sanju Luidens, Marketing Manager of the ATA.

First to the podium to offers greetings on behalf of the Aruban government was the Minister of Tourism, Trans-

port, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber, followed by Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

Minister Oduber talked of the teamwork between the island and "Tourism business these days is about living and sharing experiences," he told the audience, "and we do our best on the island to make those experiences as memorable as possible. We are striving to raise the bar in every aspect, and that is why we have invested so much, and continue to invest, in projects and programs that elevate the quality of life for our residents and visitors. In doing that, we also create opportunities for our visitors to mingle with the local people."

He pointed to recently completed projects such as the first and second phase of the Linear Park providing

jogging and biking lanes along the south shore, starting from the airport through Oranjestad. This will eventually continue past all the major resorts on Irausquin Boulevard to Arashi Beach north of Malmok. "These provide enjoyment for everyone with an ocean view."

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The Aruba Police Force and AHSF celebrate arrival of new patrol boat



ORANJESTAD -- Just recently the Aruba Police Force together with the Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation, in the presence of various stakeholders such as the Coast Guard, Customs, Aruba Ports Authority and the Department of Shipping celebrated the arrival of a new police patrol boat. The type of boat chosen is one that is being used in Colombia by the coast guard and military. This same type of boat is now being used also in Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and in Trinidad.

The Aruba Police did not have a boat for quite some time, which is essential for their daily work. This is particularly important for a country so dependent on tourism. It is very important to guarantee security on and near the ocean where a majority of tourists choose to recreate.

The rules of ISPS require Aruba to have such a police patrol boat. The boat will also assist in the event of an aircraft in difficulty making a final approach. After some

careful consideration with the Marine Budget, it was determined that the ideal boat for the Police Force is an Edaudono of 38 feet with three engines with a capacity of 350 horsepower. This is a rather large boat for rescue operations and to function well on the open seas.

According to Police Commissioner, Irma Gordon, the Aruban community can be proud that we can now continue our work on the water front and open seas. Gordon thanked their partners for their generous help during a long period when they did not have their own police boat. They are now prepared to return the favors with their new boat as needed.

This boat was acquired with the support of the AH&SF. Some years ago the partners in AH&SF decided that the formula used by the Visibility Team was not functioning as was desired. So they looked for other opportunities and solutions to reinforce our security for the area frequented by our visitors.

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Aruba Banker's Association (ABA) held its bi-annual election.



ORANJESTAD -- On Monday, April 7, 2014, the Aruba Banker's Association (ABA) held its bi-annual election. As a result of the election, Mr. Pierre Rafini, Country Manager and Market Head Business Banking Dutch Caribbean and Suriname of RBC, Royal Bank (Aruba

N.V.) will serve as the new ABA President for the coming two years. Formerly, Mr. Rafini was the Treasurer of ABA.

The outgoing President, Mrs. Marcelline Richardson of Aruba Bank, will now serve as the organization's Vice President. Mr. Tony

Brathwaite of Caribbean Mercantile Bank will serve as the Treasurer.

ABA represents Aruba's financial institutions and its members with a goal to promote the interests of the banks and Aruba in the broadest sense of the word.

ABA is committed to continue working towards the well-being of Aruba's community and has prepared its plan of action for the coming two years. As financial experts, ABA members provide advice to the government, the business community and the public.

More specifically, ABA will contribute to the community by providing information on economic and financial developments which affect Aruba's community thus contributing to the development of a healthy economy. Stay tuned for more details of ABA's plan of action.

ABA would like to thank Mrs. Marcelline Richardson for her recent two-year term as President and wish Mr. Pierre Rafini a successful term.

The Aruba Police Force and AHSF celebrate arrival of new patrol boat

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The president of the foundation, James Hepple met with the Minister of Justice and the Chief of Police.

They reached an agreement with the Minister of Justice to put more police while AH&SF will make a budget available to the justice department with which they can acquire different necessary equipment to con-

tribute to the Police Force for an optimal police service. Hepple indicated that AH&SF is very pleased with this collaboration. They have felt a real difference with the 40 additional police agents with the foundation contributing with pleasure to the Police Force as agreed.

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Ricardo's host and educational wine seminar for employees

ORANJESTAD -- Since last fall, the Aruba Beach Club has been proud to be home to Ricardo's, a charming beach-side restaurant that had taken the cuisine of the resorts in-house restaurant to a new level. Owner and host Ricardo Chirino is well known to the time share owners for his charm, fastidious attention to detail and discerning taste.

On Tuesday morning, April 8, Ricardo hosted a wine seminar at the restaurant for his staff, to assure they can capably assist patrons in selecting a fine vintage to accompany and enhance their meal. Conducting the program were Aruba Trading Company representative Kavey Yarzagaray and Wine and Spirits Manager Diego Calderon. The pair take great pleasure in sharing their passion and expertise for wines, which readily comes across in Kavey's lively lectures on the techniques in producing the selected vintages featured during his lecture.

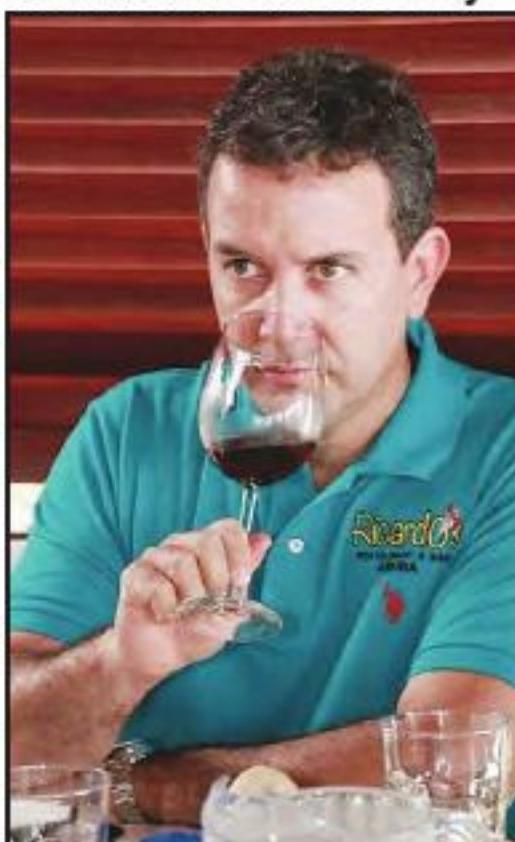
The Ricardo's staffers swirled, sniffed and sampled six widely varied red wines, bottled in California, France, Argentina, Chile and Italy.



The selection exclusively available at restaurants only

They were carefully selected and offered for their particular qualities, which differed greatly due to the grapes, even though they were all reds. These wines are sold only to restaurants and cannot be obtained in supermarkets or wine shops.

"The softer Pinot Noir from the Francis Coppola Winery (founded by the father of the famous film director) in California is an excellent vintage to select for the beginning of a meal, served with a beef appetizer like Carpaccio," explained Diego. For this reason, it was also the first of the wines to be tasted.



Owner Ricardo Chirino swirls and sniffs

From there, the crew traveled to France to enjoy a stronger but velvety Medoc of B & G, perfect for beef entrees. All of the distinctive red wines are best paired with strongly flavored dishes such as stews and steaks. Finally, a sharp Chianti from Santa Cristina vintners of Tuscany, which have been producing fine wines since before the U.S. was founded, finished the morning seminar. "Chiantis are a very strong wine that stays on the tongue," advised Diego, "it is best served very last during a wine sampling, and during a meal as well." He also considers chiantis the ideal wine for medium-strength pasta dishes, such as a linguini with red clam sauce.

Ricardo's offers a gourmet and diverse menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a spectacular seaside view. The owner feels that a staff that is wine-savvy is of utmost importance, and hopes to host more such events to educate their palates, so they can advise patrons accordingly.



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Aruba Marriott congratulates E-Aruba Seminar with a successful event



PALM BEACH - Aruba Marriott congratulates the organizers of E-Aruba Seminar with a successful event on Saturday, April 5th held at the Renaissance Convention Center. The public was engaged and enthusiastic from start to finish by three remarkable speakers who ensured everyone left with valuable tips and information.

Mark Benson Denz initiated the first E-Aruba Seminar by enlightening the public about his business journeys and his inspiration in organizing such an educational event. The speakers Richard Pollack and Ramon Ray followed with fascinat-

ing guidelines on how businesses can succeed with the proper use of digital marketing and social media. Andres Barreto closed the event with an inspiring speech on how he made his businesses successful and how entrepreneurs can succeed as well. All in all, it was a captivating event attended by a number of young professionals and business owners of all industries, looking to find the right tips to grow their careers and businesses.

Aruba Marriott is pleased to have partnered up with E-Aruba Seminar and looks forward to the second edition of the E-Aruba Seminar.

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WEB: "We often forget the true value of water!"

ORANJESTAD -- WEB NV also gave their contribution to the ongoing Green Education Symposium taking place in the Cas Di Cultura. Ing. Marc Croes elaborated on the importance of healthy water. He stated, "Without healthy water there is no life." He went on to say that... "we often forget the true value of water."

This is the third Green Education Symposium organized by the National Library of Aruba especially for secondary school students, together with partners WEB Aruba NV, SETAR NV, Santa Rosa and the Innovation Bureau of the Ministry of General Affairs.

The government of Aruba has established the goal for 2020 for Aruba to advance in the area of sustainability. In

this context, the theme of the symposium is... "Foods produced in a sustainable manner for Aruba."

Ing. Marc Croes talked to our students about various interesting topics, to mention, ways to recycle water and what difference each one of them can make. They can, as an example, begin a plantation in their own home using recycled water.

Marc Croes indicated that without water there will be no fertility for plants, insufficient food, poverty and the absence of life. According to Croes, there is a lot of waste of water, for example, when washing cars. We don't have natural water in Aruba; we have to depend on the ocean for our water. For those wanting to plant, we can use

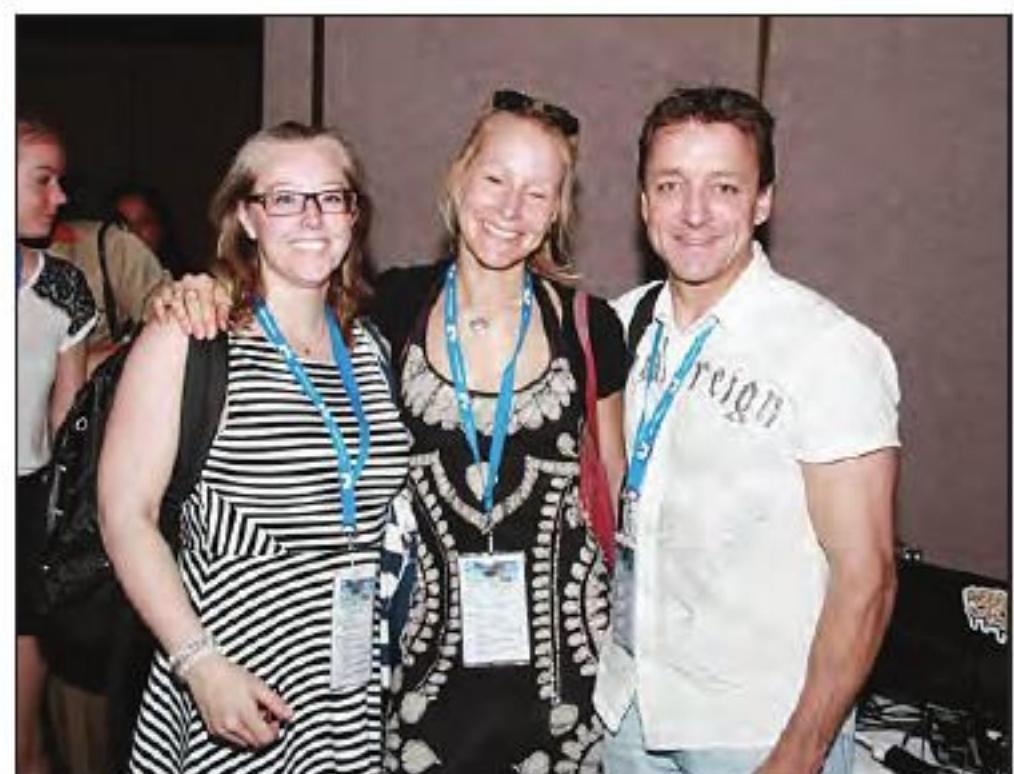


water from cisterns; we can build rain drainages to collect rain water, use water from our air conditioners. Even schools can collect water from air conditioners to water plants.

The students appeared keenly interested in the information shared.

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Delegates from Europe

The visiting delegates will also enjoy a tour on the solar-powered tram that runs through town, stopping adjacent to major landmark structures and museums as well as making shopping downtown more convenient.

As the Minister of Culture, he can integrate his authority over tourism to develop programs that showcase traditional native culture, which is of particular interest to European vacationers and the island's travel partners. He touched on the extensive plans to revitalize San Nicolas and establish a cultural museum there, attracting visitors to Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Following Minister Oduber's welcome, ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes address the nuts and bolts of the tourism business, relaying the hard numbers that travel partners wish to hear. Though generally positive, with an enormous increase from the Latin American market, and growth from the U.S., Europe, which is considered quite financially challenged at this time, had negative numbers. She outlined the ATA's objectives over the coming year regarding increasing tourism from Europe, and particularly promising target markets.

The Keynote Speaker for the morning was Freddy Vargas, Policy Advisor to the Minister of Economic Affairs, Communication, Energy and the Environment as well as Sustainability Advisor to the

Prime Minister. The topic was relating tourism to Aruba's over-all mission of

being fully independent from oil as a source of electricity for the island by 2020, which is the driving force behind a majority of the government's policies. This is not only to the benefit of the island, which until only a few years ago was wholly dependent on fossil fuel for its energy, but has global ramifications. Establishing a very low carbon footprint is also a plus to a tourism market that is becoming increasingly aware and concerned about preserving and protecting the environment. Mr. Vargas detailed the steps take to reduce Aruba oil use by more than half since 2008, from 6000 barrels a day to only 3500, and the solar and wind energy projects that have allowed the island to do so.

A final panel discussion with Jim Hepple from AHATA, Mario Arends, Brand Manager of ATA, Wim David, from Silverjet, Belgium, and Janien Huijsra of the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, moderated by Jap Ellis, ended the morning session. Topics such as "Is Aruba delivering on its Brand promise versus Brand Experience?" and "What current strategies and/or tactics have been most effective for Aruba?" were discussed, followed by break out sessions with individual groups for feedback on the morning's topics.

The reminder of the AME delegate's stay will be taken up with visiting several resorts and observing the many changes in the island's capital. Aruba Meets Europe will continue through Friday, April 11.

Obama vows to protect soldiers in Fort Hood tribute

FORT HOOD -- President Barack Obama vowed to do more to protect US soldiers on Wednesday as he paid a somber tribute to victims of last week's Fort Hood shooting, the second gun rampage at the Texas military base in five years.

Speaking before the families of three soldiers killed by a comrade who took his own life during the April 2 shooting, Obama referenced the 2009 massacre at the base which claimed 13 lives.

"Part of what makes this so painful is that we've been here before," Obama said.

"This tragedy tears at wounds still raw from five years ago. Once more soldiers who survived foreign war zones were struck down here at home, where they're supposed to be safe," he added.

Military investigators say they may never know what triggered army specialist Ivan Lopez to embark on last week's shooting, which also left 16 people injured.

Completely eliminating every security risk from a base the size of Fort Hood may not be possible, Obama said.

"But as a nation, we can do more to help counsel those with mental health issues, to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are having such deep difficulties," he said.



UNITED STATES, FORT HOOD : US President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama pay their respects during a memorial service at Fort Hood April 9, 2014 in Texas. Obama attended the memorial service for the 3 killed and 16 wounded during last week's shooting at the post by Army Specialist Ivan Lopez who later took his own life.

AFP PHOTO

"As a military, we must continue to do everything in our power to secure our facilities and spare others this pain."

"As commander-in-chief, I'm determined that we will continue to step up our efforts -- to reach our troops and veterans who are hurting."

NASA says weird Mars lights are not a sign of life

WASHINGTON -- A NASA robot has snapped pictures showing glints of light on the Martian horizon, which some UFO enthusiasts have seized on as a sign of alien life on the Red Planet.

Not so, said the US space agency.

More likely, the images of bright spots taken on April 2 and April 3 are a product of the sun's glare or cosmic rays, NASA said in a statement.

In fact, similar glints of light are seen all the time in images taken by the Curiosity rover, a multibillion dollar unmanned vehicle equipped with cameras and drilling instruments that is exploring Mars.

"In the thousands of images we've received from Curiosity, we see ones with bright spots nearly every week," said Justin Maki of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"These can be caused by

cosmic-ray hits or sunlight glinting from rock surfaces, as the most likely explanations."

Furthermore, the "bright spots appear in images from the right-eye camera of the stereo Navcam, but not in images taken within one second of those by the left-eye camera," the space agency said in a statement.

NASA's explanation may not dampen enthusiasm among believers in alien life on Mars, such as the website operated by UFO Sightings Daily which said the lights could offer proof of extraterrestrial beings.

"This could indicate there is intelligent life below the ground and uses light as we do," the site proclaimed.

NASA's Curiosity rover landed on the dry, dusty planet in 2012 on a mission to search for signs that life may have once been able to thrive there.



SPACE, - : This NASA image obtained April 9, 2014 from the Navigation Camera (Navcam) on NASA's Curiosity Mars rover includes a bright spot near the upper left corner. The sun is in the same direction, west-northwest, above the frame. Bright spots appear in images from the rover nearly every week. Typical explanations for them are cosmic rays hitting the light detector or sunlight glinting from rocks. The right-eye camera of the stereo Navcam recorded this frame during the afternoon of the 589th Martian day, or sol, of Curiosity's work on Mars (April 3, 2014), from the site where the rover reached a waypoint called "the Kimberley" by that sol's drive. An image taken by the Navcam's left-eye camera within one second of the same time. One possible explanation for the bright spot in this image is a glint from a rock surface reflecting the sun. Another is a cosmic ray hitting the camera's light detector, a CCD (charge-coupled device). Cosmic ray patterns in Mars rover images vary from a dot to a long line depending on the angle at which the ray strikes the detector.

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Italy sounds alarm as 4,000 immigrants land

ROME (AFP) - Italy said Wednesday that 4,000 immigrants have reached its shores by boat in the past two days -- the highest number since it launched a naval operation to rescue them at sea in the wake of two shipwrecks last year.

"The landings are non-stop and the emergency is increasingly glaring," Interior Minister Angelino Alfano told Rai Uno public radio, adding that a corpse had been found on one of the migrant boats rescued.

Alfano estimated that 15,000 migrants crossing the Mediterranean had been rescued so far this year and said up to 600,000 migrants from Africa and the Middle East were ready to set off from Libyan shores.

He called on the international community to set up "refugee camps" in Libya and said the next six months would be "extremely difficult" because favourable weather conditions meant more would make the crossing.

Italy reported a 60-percent increase in asylum claims last year -- mainly people fleeing the war in Syria -- although the number of arrivals is still lower than in the wake of the Arab Spring revolts in 2011.



"Europe must take the situation in hand. It cannot say that, having given 80 million euros (\$110 million) to Frontex, the problem has been resolved," Alfano said, referring to the European Union's border control agency.

Alfano, who is also head of the New Centre-Right party, also said that "the procedure for expelling those who do not have a right to stay in Italy should be sped up, but we should welcome those who have a right to asylum".

The latest increase comes just ahead of European Parliament elections next month and lawmakers from the anti-immigration Northern League -- a small opposition party -- have been quick to weigh in on the issue.

MPs Davide Caparini and

Nicola Molteni released a statement urging Alfano to stop the arrivals "by turning them back" and complained that asylum-seekers were getting better treatment "than any Italian citizen".

The navy said it had rescued around 2,500 migrants of the 4,000 arrivals and that others were being intercepted by merchant ships and coast guard vessels.

"This is the highest number we have had over a 48-hour period since Mare Nostrum began," a navy spokesperson told AFP.

The navy also said it had begun identity checks on the migrants with police officers on board.

"Some have documents, others do not. We are still trying to ascertain the countries of origin," the spokesperson said.

Cuba says fasting jailed American in 'good physical condition'

HAVANA (AFP) - Jailed American Allan Gross is in "good condition," the Cuban government said Wednesday in response to news the USAID subcontractor had gone on a hunger strike to press for his release.

The foreign ministry said Gross was being "held in a hospital not because his health requires it but because it guarantees that he receives specialized care by highly qualified medical personnel."

He has received "dignified and decent treatment," the statement by foreign ministry official Josefina Vidal said.

The 64-year-old was arrested in December 2009 for allegedly distributing telecommunications equipment to members of Cuba's Jewish community under a contract with the US Agency for International Development.

He was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2011 after being convicted of "acts against the independence or territorial integrity of the state."

On Tuesday, Gross said in a message relayed by his lawyer Scott Gilbert that he launched his fast on April 3 to protest his "inhumane treatment."

He also called on Cuba and the United States "to resolve

this shameful ordeal."

Gilbert said Gross has lost 110 pounds (50 kilos) in prison and was in failing health.

"The Cuban government reaffirms its willingness to find a solution to Mr. Gross' situation with the US government that takes into account Cuba's humanitarian concerns relating to the situation of three Cubans, members of the Cuban Five, who remain unjustly imprisoned in the United States for more than 15 years," foreign ministry official Josefina Vidal said.

The foreign ministry statement said Gross had received visits from his wife and lawyer and that he had regular phone and email contact with them, as well as other family and friends.

These latest developments follow disclosures that USAID created a Twitter-like social network from 2009 to 2012 to enable Cubans to debate conditions on the island among themselves.

The White House, while acknowledging it was USAID funded, has denied that the ZunZuneo network was part of a covert operation to stir unrest against Cuba's communist government.

Amoeba study puts bite on dysentery

PARIS (AFP) - An amoeba parasite that causes potentially fatal dysentery in poor countries wreaks its havoc by eating intestinal cells alive, scientists reported on Wednesday.

Called Entamoeba histolytica, the parasite destroys cells lining the colon, causing ulcers and abscesses and sometimes spreading in the blood to the liver and other organs.

But how it does this has been unclear, until now.

A common presumption was that the amoeba injects a toxic cocktail into the cells to kill them and then gobble them down.

A team led by William Petri of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville caught amoebae in the act in a feat of live microscopy.

The parasite takes single bites out of living cells until the damage is such that the cell eventually dies, they found.

The amoeba then detaches, spits out non-digested chunks

of cell, and heads to the next meal.

The process is called trogocytosis, from the Greek word meaning "to nibble."

This is the first time a parasite has been seen doing this in human cells.

Amoebic dysentery, also called amoebiasis, is handed on in faecally-contaminated food and water or through person-to-person contact.

Its hallmarks are violent diarrhoea, often with traces of blood, abdominal pain and flatulence. There is no vaccine, but the condition can be treated with an antibiotic called metronidazole, marketed as Flagyl.

Understanding how E. histolytica devours intestinal cells suggests intriguing new paths for drugs to block it, according to the study published in the journal Nature.

"Amoebic trogocytosis is a potentially promising target for the future of new therapeutics for amoebiasis, a major neglected disease in the developing world," it said.

Lab clue to caffeine benefit on Alzheimer's

PARIS (AFP) - French and German researchers on Wednesday said they had found evidence in the lab to back theories that drinking caffeine has a preventive effect on Alzheimer's disease.

In mice, regular doses of caffeine inhibited the growth of tau, a protein that clogs brain cells in Alzheimer's patients, they said.

The discovery was made among mice that had been genetically modified to produce tau.

They were given a tiny dose of caffeine -- 0.3 grammes per litre (0.005 ounces per pint) -- in their drinking water over 10 months.

This is roughly equivalent to two cups of coffee per day for human beings.

The mice were compared with an identical group of "tau" rodents which did not get the caffeine dose.

"Mice that were given caffeine were less affected in terms of memory and tau buildup but also in terms of inflammation of the brain tis-

sue," said David Blum of France's National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm).

Previous research has found that older people are less likely to suffer cognitive decline if they take regular, moderate amounts of caffeine.

Experiments have also found that caffeine slows memory loss in mice bred to develop so-called amyloid plaques -- another compound buildup in the brain that is associated with Alzheimer's.

Honey With Added Sweeteners Not Honey: FDA
Food companies cannot add sugar or other sweeteners to pure honey and still call it honey, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday. The agency said it would consider enforcement action against U.S. businesses or importers if they do not properly label honey with added sweeteners, the Associated Press reported. If sweeteners are added, labels should inform consumers that the product is a "blend of sugar and honey" or "blend of honey and corn syrup," the FDA said. It's common for the agency to detain honey imports after discovering they contain drug residues and unlabeled added sweeteners, the AP reported.

Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at The Queen's

Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Luisa's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations.

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese."



Keshi Yena or Filled Cheese

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com>.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining. tel. 5860606.

Italy scraps ban on donor-assisted reproduction

ROME (AFP) - Italy's Constitutional Court on Wednesday struck down a Catholic Church-backed ban against assisted reproduction with sperm or egg donors that has forced thousands of sterile couples to seek help abroad.

Lawyer Maria Paolo Costantini who brought the case to the court said she was "delighted" and hailed a victory for campaigners that has been years in the making.

"A conservative estimate is that 4,000 sterile couples went abroad in 2012 for a donor and in Spain 62 percent of couples seeking the procedure are Italian," she

said.

Costantini said that donor-assisted reproduction could restart "immediately" with the re-introduction of rules that existed before the ban was introduced in 2004 and without the need for parliament to approve a new law.

The original law was introduced by then prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right government and was seen as a way of currying favour with the Church and winning support from Christian-Democrat voters.

The current health minister, Beatrice Lorenzin, a former Berlusconi ally from the

centre-right, said on Wednesday that the issue was "complex" and the rules could not be reinstated by ministerial decree alone. "It requires wider approval in parliament," she said.

Costantini argued the ban on donations in Italy was a type of "discrimination" against couples compared to others with fertility problems who are able to use other means of assisted reproduction that are lawful.

"Going abroad is a huge cost... It also means there are no controls, particularly in Eastern Europe. For example it's hard to trace the donor if there is a genetic problem."

The Catholic Church, which is very influential in Italy, is opposed to donor-assisted reproduction but Costantini said Pope Francis appeared to show "a more understanding, less interfering approach".

Costantini said she and the other campaigners who brought the case had argued that the ban should remain in place for homosexual couples, for singles and for women beyond reproductive age.



Universal brings 'Minion Mayhem' to Hollywood theme park

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Riding high on the global success of "Despicable Me," the films' makers have teamed up with theme park engineers to produce a tourist ride designed to immerse visitors in "Minion Mayhem."

The Minions -- cute little yellow characters who speak amusing gibberish -- have emerged as stars in their own right from the two movies, which have earned \$1.5 billion worldwide.



To prove it, Paris studio Illumination Entertainment is giving them their own film, "The Minions," due out in July 2015, before a third "Despicable Me" instalment in 2017.

Since 2012 the Minions, a huge source of related products, have had a ride dedicated to them at Universal's theme park in Orlando, Florida.

And this coming weekend they will get the Tinseltown treatment in Hollywood itself, with a special "yellow carpet" presentation for a ride twice as big as the Florida one, and equipped with the latest cutting-edge technology.

The idea came from Steve Burke, the head of NBCUniversal, after the success of the first "Despicable Me" film in 2010.

Nearly 20 minutes of new animated footage were created for the attraction, in which visitors are transformed into Minions themselves, by the magic of 3D video simulation.

"It was very important that we honored the characters and also have the same sense of humor that you see in the movies, the same tone," said Meledandri, who also made sure the voices of other characters -- Steve Carell as super-villain Gru, in particular -- were the same as in the film.

The Hollywood version of the ride is on a grander scale: it takes 192 people at a time and, while the Orlando version only has Gru's house, the West Coast one recreates his whole neighborhood.

And as well as "Minion Mayhem" itself visitors can also make a splash in "Super Silly Fun Land," a water-play area -- the park's first dedicated to under-8s -- inspired by the funfair in the first "Despicable Me" film.

The ride features the latest in video technology, allowing visitors to be "minionized" in a car which moves in sync with a film on a giant 3D screen. The projectors use the same custom lenses as those designed for NASA's space telescope.

While Illumination Entertainment is now working on next year's "The Minions," which will reveal where the funny little men come from, Meledandri admits their success still makes him wonder.

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NASA says weird Mars lights are not a sign of life

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A NASA robot has snapped pictures showing glints of light on the Martian horizon, which some UFO enthusiasts have seized on as a sign of alien life on the Red Planet.

Not so, said the US space agency.

More likely, the images of bright spots taken on April 2 and April 3 are a product of the sun's glare or cosmic rays, NASA said in a statement.

Furthermore, the "bright spots appear in images from the right-eye camera of the stereo Navcam, but not in images taken within one second of those by the left-eye camera," the space agency said in a statement.

NASA's Curiosity rover landed on the dry, dusty planet in 2012 on a mission to search for signs that life may have once been able to thrive there.

Dutch tulip fest Keukenhof opens to the public

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The 65th edition of the Netherlands' massive flower show at Keukenhof, the world's largest bulb garden with over seven million flowers, opened to the public last March.

Each year the park has a different theme, usually based on a country, and this year's theme is simply the Netherlands. "We thought it would be a good idea to return to what characterises us the most for the park's 65th anniversary," one of the park's directors, Greet Locquet, told AFP.

Millions of tulips of every colour and other flowers have been planted throughout the 32-hectare (80-acre) Keukenhof gardens in Lisse.

The park in the western Netherlands is a popular tourist attraction and claims to be one of the most photographed spots in the world.

Lying in the heart of "bulb country", between Amsterdam and The Hague, it transforms into a multi-colour feast for the eye every spring when seven million bulbs, among them 4.5 million tulips of a thousand varieties, start flowering. About 800,000 people visit the park every year. The Netherlands is the world's biggest flower exporter, with 10 billion Dutch tulip bulbs produced every year -- 70 percent of total world yield. The total bulb-growing area covers more than 20,000 hectares (49,500 acres), equivalent to 40,000 football fields.



(picture shows an aerial view of flower fields near the Keukenhof Park, also known as the Garden of Europe yesterday. Keukenhof employing some 30 gardeners is considered to be the world's largest flower garden.)



IBM physicist wins tech 'Nobel' for 'big data' discoveries



HELSINKI (AFP) - British physicist Stuart Parkin, one of the brains behind the global "big data" revolution, on Wednesday won Finland's answer to the Nobel Prize, which is awarded by Technology Academy Finland.

"Prof. Parkin receives the 2014 Millennium Technology Prize in recognition of his discoveries, which have enabled a thousand-fold increase in the storage capacity of magnetic disk drives," the independent foundation said in a statement, adding that his innovations paved the way for streaming movies and other media via the Internet.

"Our contemporary online world is largely possible because of these atomically-thin magnetic structures."

Parkin, 58, is an IBM research fellow, a consulting

professor at Stanford University and director of the experimental department of Germany's Max Planck Institute of Microstructure Physics.

His work on spintronics -- which uses the magnetic spin of electrons to save data -- has contributed to an explosion in memory capacity around the world allowing information to be stored in magnetic disk drives accessed online via the "cloud".

The prize -- worth one million euros (\$1.38 million) -- was founded in 2004 and aims to be a technological equivalent of Sweden's Nobel Prizes for the sciences (worth \$1.22 million each) which have been criticised for focusing too much on traditional, decades-old scientific research.

Bank of America to pay for illegal credit-card actions

WASHINGTON -- Bank of America will pay \$772 million over illegal credit-card practices that lured consumers into signing up for added products and services, US regulators said Wednesday.

Bank of America will provide about \$727 million in relief to consumers harmed by the practices, estimated to number 1.4 million, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said.

The second-largest US bank also will pay a \$20 million civil penalty to the CFPB, and a \$25 million civil penalty to the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which cooperated in the case.

"We have consistently warned companies about ille-

gal practices related to credit card add-on products," the director of CFPB, Richard Cordray, said in a statement.

"Bank of America both deceived consumers and unfairly billed consumers for services not performed. We will not tolerate such practices and will continue to be vigilant in our pursuit of companies who wrong consumers in this market."

BofA marketed two credit card payment protection products -- "Credit Protection Plus" and "Credit Protection Deluxe" -- from 2010 through 2012, using misleading information such as the cost and benefits of products, the CFPB said.

The bank also sold credit monitoring services for which it illegally charged 1.9

million consumer accounts and, in some cases, the services failed to provide protection.

BofA ended the marketing of credit protection in August 2013, and stopped marketing the identity protection products in late 2011.

The Charlotte, North Carolina-based bank did not admit or deny any wrongdoing, according to the documents.

In a statement acknowledging the agreements, Bank of America said it had already issued refunds to most affected customers.

It said it had agreed to refund customers a larger amount than the agencies reported: \$738 million.

BofA shares were flat at \$16.44 in afternoon trade.

Oil prices rise on US supplies, Libya deal skepticism

NEW YORK -- Oil prices advanced Wednesday after a US supply report showed strong gasoline demand and as questions persisted about a full resumption of Libyan oil exports.

US benchmark West

Texas Intermediate for May delivery rose \$1.04 to \$103.60 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent oil for May delivery added 31 cents to \$107.98 a barrel

The Energy Information Ad-

ministration said US crude supplies jumped 4.0 million barrels for the week ended April 4, well above the 1.0 million forecast by analysts surveyed by the Wall Street Journal.

However, analysts fixated on a drop of 5.2 million barrels of gasoline supplies, much more than the 700,000 barrel decline that had been projected.

"We're definitely seeing oil demand on the rise," said Carl Larry, an analyst with Oil Outlooks and Opinions.

Analysts were also taking a cautious view of a weekend deal between rebels in eastern Libya and the central government to resolve a nine-month oil blockade.



WASHINGTON -- AFP photo shows David Cohen (L), executive vice president of the Comcast Corporation and Arthur Minson Jr. (R), executive vice president and CFO of the Time Warner Cable Inc., listening to questions during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill, April 9, 2014 in Washington, DC. The committee is examining and hearing testimony on the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger, a deal worth \$45 billion and would result in a company that would serve just under 30 percent of the U.S. pay television video market. Comcast and skeptical lawmakers yesterday sparred over the merits of a proposed mega-merger with Time Warner Cable which would boost the position of the largest US cable and broadband provider. The huge cable, Internet and media firm defended the deal as some senators expressed concern that it would concentrate too much power over Internet and cable access, and one consumer advocate said it would create a market "octopus."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Daily Exchange Rates				
Current as of: 04/09/2014	Currency code	Buying rate banknotes	Buying Cheques	Selling Rate
U.S.A.	USD	1.77	1.78	1.80
Dutch Antilles	ANG	98.00	100.00	100.20
Canada	CAD	1.61	1.63	1.65
Britain	GBP	2.92	2.97	3.03
Switzerland	CHF	201.53	202.25	203.05
Netherlands	EUR	243.46	245.68	248.15
Sweden	SEK	26.33	27.05	27.85
Denmark	DKK	31.95	32.67	33.47
Norway	NOK	28.92	29.64	30.44
Japan	JPY	172.99	174.57	176.33
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HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE : AFP photo gives a view of a sand mine in La Boule 12, Pétion Ville, Port au Prince, on April 8, 2014. In this mine workers earn about 350 Gourdes, some eight US dollars, per day. The workers and the mine owner share the wholesale price of 550 Gourdes per truck. The sand is then sold for about 2,000 Gourdes depending on the distance. Many of the concrete blocks used in construction comes from this mine. This low-quality sand used for construction was part of the reason why many houses collapsed. Despite this, many homes are still being built using La Boule sand.

HP to pay \$108 million in US to settle bribery probes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US computer giant Hewlett-Packard agreed to pay \$108 million to settle investigations that it paid bribes to win public contracts in Russia, Poland and Mexico, officials said yesterday.

The settlement covers criminal and civil investigations under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, according to a statement from the US Securities & Exchange Commission.

According to authorities, the California company's subsidiary in Russia paid more than \$2 million through agents and various shell companies to a Russian government official to retain a multimillion dollar contract with the federal prosecutor's office.

In Poland, gifts and cash

bribes worth more than \$600,000 were paid to a Polish government official to obtain contracts with the national police agency.

And in Mexico, HP paid more than \$1 million in inflation commissions to a consultant to win a software sale to Mexico's state-owned petroleum company Pemex, and some of that money was funneled to a company official.

Kara Brockmeyer, an SEC enforcement official, said HP lacked internal controls and allowed the bribes to be recorded "as legitimate commissions and expenses."

According to US officials, the bribes in Mexico were paid from 2008 to 2009, in Poland from 2006 to 2010 and in Russia from 2000 to 2007.

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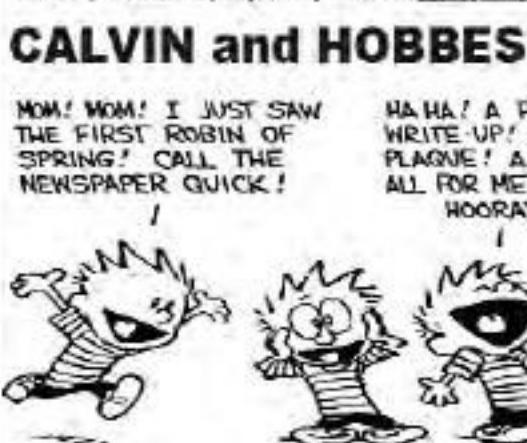
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THERE'S AN AFRICAN PROVERB THAT SAYS, "WHEN AN OLD PERSON DIES, IT'S AS IF A LIBRARY BURNS DOWN."

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MOM! MOM! I JUST SAW THE FIRST ROBIN OF SPRING! CALL THE NEWSPAPER QUICK!

HA HA! A FRONT PAGE WRITE-UP! A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE! A CIVIC CEREMONY! ALL FOR ME! HOORAY!

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ACROSS

1. Baldwin of "30 Rock"
5. Dentists' group (abbr.)
8. Air-rifle ammo
11. Former coin of Italy
12. Suffering
14. French island
15. Employees
17. Bert Bobbsey's twin
18. Obama's title (abbr.)
19. Octet number
21. Filmy
23. Can metal
24. Looks closely
25. Closet items
29. Banking machine (abbr.)
30. Poet's "always"
31. Map marking (abbr.)
32. Ponderer
35. Remains unimpaired
37. Zilch
38. Distance measures
39. Urge forward
42. Surrealism's Salvador
43. Warsaw's country (abbr.)
44. Stuffed animal (2 wds.)
49. Have bills
50. Fawn's dad
51. Rick's love in "Casablanca"
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53. Nautical assent
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1. High mountain
2. Fib
3. Be mistaken
4. Friendly cartoon ghost
5. Ed of "Lou Grant"
6. Noises
7. King topper
8. Cherry variety
9. Humdrum
10. Put in the mail
13. Calvin of fashion
16. Crude metals
20. Verb ending
21. Adam's son
22. Half (prefix)
23. Roofing material
24. Butter square
25. H.R.H. starter
26. Different
27. Lab creatures
28. Main and Sesame (abbr.)
30. Slippery fish
33. Compass pt.
34. Scottish garments
35. Easter bloom
36. Courtroom excuses
38. Commercial manicurist
39. MP3 player from Apple
40. Cut
41. Prayer
42. 6/6/44 (hyph.)
45. Itinerary abbr.
46. House annex
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9

A number is Never repeated in a row or column.

In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

A sweet, charming dining secret in Palm Beach area: Sweet Pepper

Tucked away in Caribbean Palm Villas is Sweet Pepper, a delightful dining experience from veteran restaurateurs Anky and Harold Paesch, known for nearly two decades as Major Domo and Factotum at Aruba's premiere gourmet restaurant, Chez Matilde. Anky's brother, Ricardo lends his deft hand as a restaurateur to this tranquil, charming venue.

Anky and Harold realized a dream by opening their own eatery a few years ago, and those staying at Caribbean Palm Villas swear by them for breakfast, lunch, dinner and night-time fun. They offer not only a diverse, affordable menu, but most nights out of the week they feature "special attractions," for added appeal.

Mondays are Italian nights, for those who just can't do without their favorite international cuisine, with pastas, scampi and freshly made pizza to order.



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Tuesdays it is all you can eat fresh grouper, prepared in a variety of styles and choice of sauces.

On Sundays, islanders flock there for a steady stream of all you can eat tender ribs with fixins', one of the best deals on the island for great BBQ.

For just plain fun, their Wednesday night Karaoke Dance Party brings out everyone's inner rock star, with attractive drink prices and a DJ that draws you and

makes you feel a part of the action. Whether in the audience or singing along, it is a hilarious night beginning at 9:00 PM.

The regular menu features ample portions of seafood and freshly caught local fish, superb steaks and a Tuna Tataki salad to die for, either for lunch or as an dinner appetizer, this is a must-try.

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Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb.

Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary, they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal!

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Football: Holders Bayern brush aside United to reach semis



Party time: Bayern Munich's stars roar after the final whistle brings the game to an end

MUNICH (AFP) - Holders Bayern Munich romped into the Champions League semi-finals with a 3-1 victory at home to Manchester United in Wednesday's quarter-final, second-leg to win 4-2 on aggregate.

Having drawn 1-1 at Old Trafford in last week's first-leg, Bayern had to come from behind after United's left-back Patrice Evra put the guests ahead with a superb second-half strike at Munich's Allianz Arena.

But Bayern equalised just 69 seconds later through a diving Mario Mandzukic header, the first of their three goals in the final half an hour.

Thomas Mueller then tapped Bayern into the lead before Arjen Robben slotted the hosts third to knock David Moyes' United out of the competition.

Defensive midfielder Michael Carrick said the United squad were devastated to have thrown away

the lead in Munich.

Bayern join Atletico Madrid, Real Madrid and Chelsea in the final four with the Bavarians eager to defend their title in the May 24 final in Lisbon.

The first-half was a tense, tactical affair with Bayern failing to exploit their customary 70 percent possession as United packing their defence, forced the Germans to attack through the middle with little success.

Manchester's wing-backs Phil Jones and Evra worked tirelessly to contain Bayern's wingers Robben and Franck Ribery, limiting the Bavarians' main source of chances.

Just as they had in the first-leg, United gave a masterclass in how to defend against Bayern's star-studded attack with their deep-lying defence quickly closing down any spaces the Germans managed to open up and tightly marking Bayern's stars.

The ten first-half chances Bayern created in peppering the United goal to the single Manchester effort -- when Luis Valencia had a goal disallowed -- told its own tale.

United looked to have taken a first-half lead when Valencia converted Wayne Rooney's cross at the back post, but the effort was ruled offside.

Robben was United's chief tormentor in the first 45 minutes and he threatened with a probing run into the area before his final shot was charged down just before the half-time whistle.

United put the Bayern defence under pressure after the break and they were rewarded when Evra gave the guests the lead with a thunderbolt of a shot which gave Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer no chance as it hit the top right-hand corner on 57 minutes.

The lead lasted just under two minutes as Ribery was released on the left wing and his cross was met by Mandzukic who beat Evra to the diving header.

The relief from the Bayern squad was palpable as the Croatia international unleashed a primal scream after his equaliser.

The goals breathed life into the match as space suddenly opened up for both teams to attack.

United had their chances after when England striker Rooney, who played despite the effects of a badly bruised toe, mistimed his shot with just Neuer to beat.

Germany's Mueller then put the defending champions in the last four when he flicked Robben's cross past United goalkeeper David de Gea on 68 minutes.

And the hosts turned the screw on United when Robben was finally rewarded with a 76th-minute goal which he had threatened to produce all night.

The Dutch winger cut across the United defence, then buried his shot past the diving De Gea into the bottom left-hand corner to complete Bayern's fight-back.



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Football: Koke winner sees Atletico past Barca into semis

MADRID (AFP) - Atletico Madrid progressed to the semi-finals of the Champions League for the first time in 40 years with a 1-0 win over Barcelona on Wednesday to seal a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Koke put the hosts in front after just five minutes as he volleyed home Adrian Lopez's headed pass.

Atletico also hit the woodwork three times in the first-half, but were made to hold on in the final stages as Neymar came within inches of taking the game to extra time when his header went just wide.

Defeat ends Barcelona's run of reaching six straight Champions League semi-finals.

Despite missing top-scorer Diego Costa through injury, Atletico made an incredibly fast-paced start and were ahead within five minutes.

Adrian, who was only starting due to Costa's absence, smashed a shot off the post and when David Villa collected the loose ball his cross was headed by Adrian into the path of Koke to volley home.

Villa should then have doubled Atletico's advantage as he burst onto Koke's

through ball and struck the post with just Jose Manuel Pinto to beat.

Lionel Messi then had Barca's first clear opening when he headed Dani Alves' cross inches wide.

However, Atletico were soon back on the front foot and Villa was again denied by the woodwork against his old side on 19 minutes when he volleyed Raul Garcia's flick-on against the bar.

Barca managed to stem the Atletico tide somewhat as the first-half developed and Messi fired another decent opening wide after sensational skill by Neymar took him past three Atletico players.

While Andres Iniesta was surprisingly replaced by Pedro Rodriguez, but even without their creative fulcrum Barca nearly found a way through when Neymar's diving header flew inches past 12 minutes from time.

Pinto made another fine save to prevent Cristian Rodriguez rounding off a famous night for Atletico in style in the final minute.

However, it made no difference to the final result as the final whistle was greeted with a huge roar by the home fans.

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Meet the Aruba synchronized swimming team selection



ORANJESTAD - The 2014 CARIFTA swimming competition, the synchronized swimming and Open Water will take place here on April 22 to 25th of April.

Aruba's selections in three disciplines are in diligent preparation. The swimmers are training as often as twice daily.

We want to introduce Aruba to the athletes who will be representing us at this championship during the 2014 CARIFTA.

A few days ago we met the athletes in the under 12 years category. Today we want you to meet those in the 13 to 15 years category, these are somewhat older kids.

They are: Abigail de Veer, Talisah Beke, Isabella Noguera, Anastasia van Daal, Rizhaylee Bello, Natasha Riley, Livanca Ras, Jaslinne Schmidt and Nakeisha Jacobs.

Abigail de Veer will be the one athlete to swim solo. There will be two duets with Abigail de Veer and Talisah Beke.

Isabella Noguera will stand by as their reserve. The other duet will be Anastasia van Daal and Rizhaylee Bello.

All these athletes can figure swim. One remarkable aspect during this CARIFTA event is that there are no teams. This is because no other country has a team in this age category.

The athletes will be swimming as "pre-swimmers" on these days of the competition. They will be competing for medals.

We wish our 13 to 15 years athletes much success in this 2014 CARIFTA competition.

Strength and perseverance to all of you from The Morning News team!

Five landscaping concerns meet to discuss upcoming Bowling championship!



ORANJESTAD - Last Friday evening representatives of the Marriott Hotel, Maurice Maduro, Caribbean Drip Irrigation, Alberto Klaber, Renaissance Hotel, Lucien Dirksz, Fantastic Gardens-Perfect Landscaping Junior

Quandus and Flora Market, Glennon Eights, met together to coordinate the Best of the Best upcoming sports event. The teams decided that their next sport activity will be bowling. Each team must have 5 players with a mini-

mum of two ladies. Glennon Eights was charged with presenting the pools and organizing the days with the 5 landscaping companies that will be playing against each other.

In the month of May the Best of the Best 2014 Championship Landscaping Bowling event will take place to determine who, or which team will take home the Cup of the Best of the Best Landscaping 2014 Bowling Championship. On Monday, April 14, Glennon Eights will announce where the games will be played, the hours and who will begin playing against whom in the first round.

Meet the male swimming selection to compete in Carifta 2014

ORANJESTAD - Team Aruba is expected to be well represented at the swimming competition event of the annual CARIFTA 2014 to be held here from April 22 to 25th. The team is busy practicing diligently during these two weeks before the event. A few of the athletes in the 11-12 years category will be making their debut in the world of international swimming. A few of them will be competing in one or more disciplines. The athletes to perform are: Brandon Cheong who will swim the 200 Breast, 400 Free Relay, 50 Fly, 400 Medley Relay, 50 Breast, 100 Free, 50 Free 100 Breast and 200 Free Relay. Then there is Lucien Peterson who will swim in the 50 Back, 400 Free Relay, 200 Free, 100 Back, 400 Medley Relay, 100 Free, 50 Free and 200 Free Relay. Next is Kenrick Pichardo who will compete in the 400 Free Relay, 400 Medley Relay and the 200 Free Relay. Finally, there is Jasper Timmer who will swim the disciplines of 50 Back, 400 Free Relay, 50 Fly Prelims, 100 Back Prelims, 400 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay. Team Aruba 11-12 years with Brandon, Lucien, Jasper and Kenrick are ready to confront their opponents of the other islands. They depend on the support of the community at the Roly Bislick Olympic pool in Savaneta on April 22 to 26. Do come out and cheer them on to victory!





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Taekwondo team welcomes Gold medalists returning from Santo Domingo

ORANJESTAD - On Monday evening the Train Hard Fight Smart team of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation went to the airport to receive and welcome back Hakeem Lowe and Jourde Klaber.

The two athletes returned from Santo Domingo where they became Gold medalists for their superb performance.

President of the Foundation, Marilu de Veer was also on hand to welcome them back to Aruba.

Their coach, Clifford Rasmijn shared how everything went in Santo Domingo and how far the Foundation is in their preparations. According to Rasmijn, we can expect more from the Foundation's



athletes.

This, he said, is only the beginning of Hakeem Lowe. We have a lot to go to reach our goals, he said.

We are not sure if Hakeem Lowe will be fighting this weekend at the 6 Ultimate International Taekwondo Cup. Clifford Rasmijn made no comment about this championship.

This is because he will be choosing his team today and exploring the status of the two athletes.

They are now in waiting for the next international activity in Mexico. Mexico is the new focus of Hakeem Lowe and Jourde Klaber.

Pabien guys, Aruba is very proud of you!

Manny Pacquiao v Timothy Bradley

LA VEGAS - The eyes of the boxing world will be settled on Las Vegas when Manny Pacquiao tries to avenge a loss to Tim Bradley this Saturday, April 12 in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino for Bradley's WBO welterweight title. The plan by the promoter, Top Rank has been set in motion where the winner of that fight would fight the winner of the May 17th fight between Juan Manuel Marquez and Mike Alvarado. While Marquez has history with both men in the ring, Alvarado has no history with either even if he was in line to land a Pacquiao shot last year.

Pacquiao - Once considered the best pound-for-pound fighter on the planet, Pacquiao's record currently stands at 55 wins (38 KO), five losses and two draws. Over the course of his 19-year career, the 35 year-old has a knockout percentage of 61.3% and the southpaw has boxed a total of 383 rounds.

Bradley - The 30-year-old American is ranked globally at No.2 in the welterweight division - behind only Floyd Mayweather - has an outstanding overall record of 31 wins (12 KO), no defeats and no draws in his 10-year career. Not a big puncher, Bradley's knockout percentage stands at 37.5% and he's boxed a total 230 rounds since debuting with a win over Francisco Martinez in 2004.

The pair met on June 9 2012, when unbeaten Bradley (then 28-0) claimed a split decision win over Pacquiao (then 54-3-2) to win the WBO Welterweight title in one of the most controversial decisions of recent years. Following the bout, the WBO commissioned a review by five veteran judges, who declared Pacquiao the winner by unanimous decision. Nevertheless, Bradley retained the belt.



Basketball: US NBA stars book four World Cup tuneups

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - US NBA stars will face Brazil, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Slovenia in tuneup matches before the Basketball World Cup, USA Basketball announced Wednesday.

The Americans, whose lineup could include such NBA stars as LeBron James and Kevin Durant, will be favored to defend their global crown at the worlds on August 30-September 14 in Spain.

In the run-up to the tournament, the US squad will gather July 28 in Las Vegas for a four-day training camp culminating in an August 1 inter-squad exhibition.

After a 12-day break, the team will reunite in Chicago for training days August 14-15 ahead of an August 16 exhibition against Brazil at the home of the NBA's Chicago Bulls.

The US lineup then relocates to New York for training August 17-22 with exhibition games against the Dominicans

on August 20 and Puerto Rico two nights later, both at Madison Square Garden.

From August 24-26, the Americans will train on Gran Canaria in the Spanish Canary Islands, ending the camp with an August 26 exhibition against Slovenia.

"The tour will offer our players and coaches the opportunity to get familiar with each other and to gain critical international game experience against a variety of differing styles," US coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

The Americans will play preliminary matches in the 24-team Basketball World Cup in Bilbao against Group C rivals New Zealand, Finland, Turkey, Dominican Republic and Ukraine.

The US squad, two-time reigning Olympic champions, will open August 30 against Finland and faces Turkey the next day in a rematch of the 2010 final won by the Americans 81-64.